

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 6 – SB 570

March 7, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes faculty or staff members to possess firearms on school property provided certain requirements are met. Individuals possessing firearms on school property must: be authorized to possess and carry a firearm pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1351; have written permission from the director of schools; have successfully completed a 40-hour training course in basic school police training at least 12 months prior to seeking carry authorization; and use only frangible bullets or other ammunition approved by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission for use in a confined space. Requires all training to be approved by the local education agency (LEA) and any training expenses shall be paid by the trainee. Holds LEAs harmless from liability in any civil action for damages, injuries, or death that may result from a faculty or staff member's actions involving a firearm on school property, unless the local board of education or superintendent knew of or intentionally solicited or procured the action from which harm resulted.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,000,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, there will not be a significant increase in the number of applications for a handgun carry permit. Any increase in state revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Department of Education, additional insurance will be purchased by LEAs that elect to authorize employees to carry firearms on school property. The permissive increase in LEA expenditures for additional insurance is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

- Any increase in local expenditures for legal fees for litigation cannot be reasonably quantified.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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